

Management and Accountability
Carol Cortes, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECEIVE A DONATION OF \$32,000 FROM THE METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT TO OFFER TEACHER TRAINING, OVER A FOUR YEAR PERIOD, FOR THE RISK WATCH PROGRAM

The Metropolitan Dade County Fire Rescue Department, Public Education Bureau, has received a grant from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to implement a comprehensive injury prevention program entitled RISK WATCH. The NFPA Risk Watch curriculum teaches life safety behaviors in the following eight areas that are the leading causes of death in children:

- Motor Vehicle Safety
- Fire and Burn Prevention
- Choking, Suffocation and Strangulation Prevention
- Poisoning Prevention
- Falls Prevention
- Firearms Injury Prevention
- Bike and Pedestrian Safety
- Water Safety

The goal of the Risk Watch program is to train Pre-k to 4th grade teachers within a four year implementation plan. All training sessions will be conducted by the Metropolitan Dade County Fire Rescue Public Education Bureau staff. Curriculum materials will be distributed to each Pre-k to 4th grade teacher participants. Additional enhancement utilizing the resources of Metropolitan Dade County Fire Rescue, such as classroom speakers, incentives and parental involvement opportunities will also be provided.

Metropolitan Dade County Fire Rescue will donate \$32,000 to Miami-Dade County Public Schools for substitute coverage for teachers attending training sessions. The fiscal agent for the program will be the Bureau of Community Services, which has been a long time partner with Metropolitan Dade County Fire Rescue in the implementation of various injury prevention programs throughout the years.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept a donation of \$32,000 from Metropolitan Dade County Fire Rescue to implement training for an injury prevention program for Pre-k to 4th grade, over a four year period.